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September 24, 2008

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: Council Order No. 31 dated July 28, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to Council Order No. 31 regarding street and utility work on Western Ave. including the resident's concerns of poor traffic lights, police details, traffic and lack of advanced notice; the department offers the following limited response to the presence and actions of the assigned uniformed police officers during the project. It is my understanding that the Department of Public Works and Office of Traffic and Parking will speak to the other issues raised.

The Department received a request for police details on various dates throughout the summer for the Western and Putnam Ave. area for underground utility work being performed by several vendors including Nstar Electric Co. During this period it was not uncommon to have trucks, trailers hauling underground conduit and various pieces of equipment in the travel lanes of Western Ave. While the equipment did cause obstructions to motorists, the supervisor in charge of the detail found the presence of this equipment to be necessary to complete the project. The supervisor in charge also conducted random inspections of the officer assigned to the area and consistently found the officer to be executing the duties in an efficient manner and consistent with public safety objectives.

If you have any further questions related to the assigned police officers assigned to this project please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Haas
Police Commissioner

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